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In re application of:

Barber, Jack R. et al.

Application No.: 10/613,565

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For: GENE FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS
AND DISCOVERY USING
RANDOMIZED OR TARGET-SPECIFIC
RIBOZYME GENE VECTOR
LIBRARIES

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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